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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2008, Applicant provisionally elects, without traverse, Group 1, claims 1-3, directed to a grain immersion method.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.